

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

J.R. Cronly-Dillon et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR VISUALIZING

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 19, 2004 AS A SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 19, 2004. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Accordingly, a reply to the Office Action is due on or before August 19, 2004, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Remarks below.

This Reply should be considered a submission in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 (see attached Transmittal). Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$385.00 to cover the cost of this request in accordance with §1.17(e). Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.